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suspension by the state to the county. In other words, the county would have to pay. There's a provision that extends the payment date for that bill, if you will, to 60 days after mailing. That's being changed to 120 days after the start of the next fiscal year, so there's time to budget for it. There is a prohibition against the suspension of a county assessor for violation of a directive. The provisions that would allow for suspension in the event of a failure to follow rules, regulations, and corrective orders is still there, but those are all subject to a variety of procedural safeguards and hearing processes. And, finally, I think the provisions that would be of interest to you, the amendment creates a probationary period of one year if the Property Tax Administrator's Office has concerns about a county assessor's adherence to the law or the rules, regulations, corrective orders that I mentioned earlier. And during that probationary period the county assessor, obviously, would not be removed, but there would be the opportunity for removal if the county assessor willfully refuses or fails to perform his or her duties. I think that summarizes the amendment, Mr. President. If anybody has questions about the amendment, I'd be happy to respond. There is an amendment to the amendment as well.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Senator Wickersham would move to amend with AM0595, Senator. (See page 789 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wickersham, on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. This is perhaps a small matter, but this amends the piece of the amendment that deals with the production of records. Remember, I said that the amendment in its main form has a prohibition against the Property Tax Administrator's Office requiring production of records between January 1st and April 1st of any given year. That's the busiest time of year for county assessors and, obviously, county assessors don't want to be burdened copying hundreds or maybe even a thousand pages of records and sending those off to the Property Tax Administrator's Office during that period of time. What the amendment...the effect of the